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re U.S. Patent Application of

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**For: A STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE FOR LONGEVITY
OF THE DISK SPINDLES BASED UPON ACCESS OF
HARD DISK DRIVES (AS AMENDED)**

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Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
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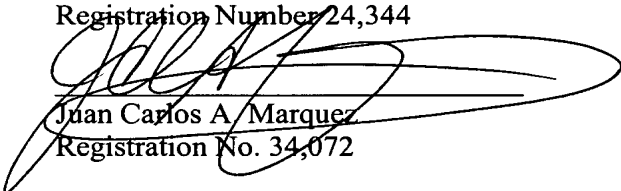
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(with claim amendments)
☐ Substitute Specification
☐ Preliminary Amendment
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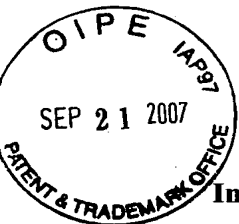
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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 21, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 21, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: